

HOMEOWNERS PETITION COUNCIL TO STOP LOCAL DAIRY FLY MENACE

Owner Says Dairy Sprayed Regularly

The old conflict of dairies vs. homeowners cropped up again this week in a new setting as 104 residents charged the Verburg dairy, 18155 Crenshaw Blvd. with creating a health menace.

Dr. Posner and Waldrip to Head District

It was approved last week by the Board of Education to accept Dr. J. H. Hull's recommendation to appoint Dr. Albert N. Posner and Sherman E. Waldrip acting superintendent of the District.

Posner, who is in charge of the education division, acted for Dr. Hull last month, and Waldrip who is in charge of business, will be the superintendent during May. Alternations will be monthly.

Reasons for the dual appointment were stated in a letter from Dr. Hull, who suffered a heart attack three weeks ago and is recuperating at home: "This practice has the advantage of maximum development of the leadership resources within the staff for the benefit of the District."

Miss Jensen Named Aide To Director

Miss Marilyn Jensen, 25, women's activities supervisor in the Torrance Recreation department, was promoted to assistant director, according to Director Harry Van Bellehem.

Miss Jensen took first place in the Civil Service examinations for the newly created position.

She has been with the local department since September 1955 and has been responsible for a number of new programs, some of which have gained national attention.

She, together with Van Bellehem, was instrumental in setting up a learn-as-you-earn summer training program for student recreation leaders.

She initiated the cooking school, Christmas and vacation workshops, bowling league for women, day camping and field trips.

Miss Jensen graduated from (Turn to Page 24)

Polio Shots Available Now

Salk anti-polio inoculations have been resumed at Torrance Health Center as of yesterday, according to officials of the Los Angeles County Health department.

Vaccinations, which are also available from the family physician, are now open to all South Bay residents, especially those 40 years old and under.

The health center, located at 2300 W. Carson st., is open Mondays through Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

School Group to Complete Reporting Survey Today

Final action on the local reporting system in the Torrance Unified School District will be taken this afternoon by the Reporting Committee, composed of community representatives studying the problem.

The committee, which has met weekly for the past few weeks, will summarize its findings in an "action report" to be considered by school officials and the Board of Education.

Suggestions made at the various meetings include the following:

1. Give letter grades on 7th and 8th grade levels to indicate how children stand academically with respect to other students in class — if parents request same.
2. Educate parents to realize the true capacity of the child "at a given time."
3. Education of children to fully understand their own potential at a given time.
4. Revision of progress report guides to counteract subtlety of statements, avoid over-emphasis on positive way of saying negative things, and use language which parents will understand. Use teacher committees or discussion groups for this purpose.
5. Set up techniques and/or approaches which will lead to better use of the current method or reporting. (Providing better (Turn to Page 24)

A petition listing grievances was submitted to the City Council, asking for the "removal or abatement of the public nuisance caused by the Verburg Dairy."

Because of a short meeting, the City Council postponed consideration of the matter Tuesday night.

Out of Place
The nature of the dairy business is such that it is completely out of place in the transformation from a former rural area into a highly congested residential community, residents declared.

The sanitary conditions that exist with respect to the removal of animal refuse, whether or not legally permissible by statute, are inconsistent with those currently imposed by ordinance upon the new residents of this community with respect to trash and rubbish, the petition goes on to say.

The fly menace caused by unsanitary conditions constitutes a dangerous hazard to the health for both the adults and children now residing near the dairy, residents claim further.

They also maintain that the accumulation of cattle droppings creates a breeding place for thousands of house flies, making it impossible for individual homeowners to control the nuisance.

Houses Covered
The houses in the immediate vicinity of the dairy are almost completely covered daily with thick swarms of flies on the walls, windows, eaves and garages, the petition states, going on to say that fly specks are impossible to remove without having the same condition recur within a day or two.

Homeowners claim that the damages to the residential property are possibly becoming permanent to the extent that some homeowners are concerned as to what court action they could take to remedy the situation.

Calling upon the city's reputation as an "All-America City," homeowners asked that the council act to eliminate this "deplorable condition."

William Verburg, owner of the dairy, when informed of the petition, told the Torrance Press that he is doing everything possible to keep the flies down to a minimum, spraying every week.

He said the dairy is complying with all Health Department regulations and is inspected regularly.

Lomita Man Killed In Crash

One person was killed and two California Highway patrol officers were saved from death apparently due to safety belts they were wearing during a 3-car smash-up at Lomita boulevard and Figueroa street. Julius Smith, 35, 212 Harbor Mills, Lomita, was killed in the crash. CHP officers, Russell Carsley, 30, 734 West Redondo Beach boulevard, and Donald Cole were injured. Ruth Henley, 33, 2049 248th street, Lomita, was driver of the third car involved.

Examination of the police car after the accident showed the interior and windshield still in

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Suspect Couldn't Get Out In Burglary Try

A burglary suspect, attempting to steal money from a motel, was foiled in the attempt when his exit was blocked by a locked door and he had to retreat through the motel office.

Arrested on suspicion of burglary was Donald Field Adkins, 22, of Los Angeles, after taking \$22 from a motel at 2310 Pacific Coast hwy., Lomita.

Instrumental in the arrest was Lowden Booth, 38, who figured in the news sometime back when his service station at 2301 Pacific Coast hwy. was held up and he was shot by the bandit.

Field was discovered trying to get out of the motel office by Miriam Freiberg who grabbed him but could not hold on to him.

Booth, alerted to the incident, ran after the fleeing suspect, caught and held him until police arrived at Narbonne and Pacific Coast hwy., according to Sgt. Toni Sully of the Lennox Sheriff's office.

No one was in the motel office when the suspect walked in to burglarize a dresser drawer.

Tickets For CC Banquet Still Available

Tickets are still available for the Torrance Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet to be held Thursday evening, May 23 in the Civic Auditorium at 7:30 p.m., according to Chairman R. S. "Dick" Pyle.

This year's banquet promises to be the most successful ever with Reverend Robert Richards as keynote speaker and the presentation of the Distinguished Citizen Award for 1956, Pyle said.

It is urged that those wishing reservations call the Chamber of Commerce. Whole tables seating 10 are available for clubs, organizations and the industrial firms.

Educators' Charity Drive Nets \$7132

Torrance teachers have gone over the top on their annual charity drive, surpassing their \$7000 goal by contributing \$7,132.90.

This money will be divided among 13 charities and three scholarships as follows: Community Chest, \$1,777.16; YMCA, \$1,015.08; Dental Health Fund, \$453.04; Torrance Memorial hospital, \$458.54; Heart Fund, \$169.01; Red Cross, \$118.51; Muscular Dystrophy, \$119.51; Cerebral Palsy, \$137.51; Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation, \$109.51; Mental Health, \$130.01; Multiple Sclerosis, \$119.01; American Cancer society, \$137.01.

The three scholarships will be awarded at a future date.

Schools Ask \$688,661 In State Aid

State aid funds totaling \$688,661 have been requested by the Torrance Unified School District, according to Acting Superintendent S. E. Waldrip.

If approved by the State Allocation Board the money will be used to construct 22 classrooms, six music rooms and four rest rooms.

This is the first time that the local district has requested state funds for construction. Previous allotments have been for sites.

The money would be used for the following elementary schools: Anza, two classrooms; Arlington, four classrooms; Flavian, four classrooms; Hillside, six classrooms; Riviera, four classrooms; and Sepulveda, two classrooms.

Each of the above schools would get a music room and one rest room each would be provided at Arlington, Flavian, Hillside and Riviera.

Track Star To Attend NHS Banquet

On Thursday night, June 6, the Narbonne High School Lettermen's club will hold its annual Spring Fathers and Sons sports day and banquet.

One of the featured guests for the evening will be UCLA's track and field performer Rafer Johnson. Johnson is the national decathlon champion having compiled more points than any other athlete to gain this honor.

The banquet will honor the spring athletic teams, including A, B and C track; varsity and JV baseball, gymnastics, swimming and tennis.

NEW DUMP OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Scheduled for opening yesterday was a regional dump located at 26300 Crenshaw Blvd., according to Frank T. Bowerman, engineer in charge of the County Sanitation District project.

The 160-acre disposal pits will accept refuse from individuals, public agencies and private firms from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily except Sundays and holidays.

The dump will accept all rubbish except garbage for \$1 per ton with a 50-cent minimum fee per load. Solid material, such as soil, will be accepted for 50 cents per ton.

When filled in about seven years, the site will be converted into a park. The site has been landscaped and surrounded with a seven-foot high wire fence.

In the meantime, Torrance passed a resolution supporting an Assembly bill that would prevent counties from establishing dumps in violation of municipal zoning laws.

The bill, passed by the Assembly, faces stiff opposition in the Senate.

City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier is preparing a local ordinance that would govern rubbish trucks that might pass through Torrance in getting to and from the Rolling Hills dump.

LOCAL BUS DRIVER TOPS IN STATE

Wayne Branum, Torrance Unified School District bus driver, is tops in the state of California.

Branum, who last week emerged as sweepstakes winner for Southern California in the Southern California School Bus Roadshow, was acclaimed state champion this week as he beat the winner of the northern tournament by one point.

Branum, who scored 483 out of 500 points in turn was one point under the all-time high of 484 points set previously.

The bus driver will go to the California School Employees association convention to be held in Fresno in July to receive his trophy.

He has been with the local school district four years, and has competed on two prior occasions, at which time he was a runner-up.

There were more than 100 contestants in each roadshow which had five classifications. Torrance entered four of the five. Al Thompson, local school bus driver, won first place in the large conventional bus category.

Branum, who entered the large transit bus category, has been driving buses and trucks for the last 15 years. He estimates that he has driven more than a million miles.

He lives with his wife at 3139 W. 179th st.

Emphasis in the contest was on safety. Drivers were judged on personal appearance, safety rules, knowledge of equipment defects, driving through narrow alleys, parallel parking, student loading and unloading, gear shifting, railroad crossings, straight line driving with diminishing clearance and stopping.

Viet-Nam President To Visit GP

Here to visit the Torrance General Petroleum refinery in connection with a Los Angeles visit Saturday will be President Ngo Dinh Diem of the Republic of Viet-Nam.

The joint announcement was made by Mayor Norris Poulson and Robert L. Minckler, president of General Petroleum.

President Diem will arrive in Los Angeles Friday evening and will come to Torrance Saturday morning. The Viet-Nam leader has been in this country since May 6 on the invitation of President Eisenhower.

TAX ELECTION FRIDAY

Facilities Must Grow with Registration, El Camino Board President Declares

"Growth of Torrance and its neighboring communities has contributed significantly to the upsurge of enrollment at El Camino College. To accommodate the great influx of students who are endeavoring to gain lower division work of their college education in the community, it is essential that facilities grow with registration."

This was the conclusion drawn to day by Jack N. Dabbs, Torrance resident



CAR DEMOLISHED
Robert Earl Noble, 32, wrapped his '49 Pontiac around a telephone pole in front of North High school and was killed instantly, Friday, May 10.—Press Photo

CRASH FATAL TO AIRCRAFT WORKER

Many students at North High school witnessed a fatal accident Friday, May 10, when Robert E. Noble, 32, rammied his car into a telephone pole in front of the school at 182nd st. and Yukon, 8:45 a.m.

Witnesses claim Noble slammed on his brakes and skidded back and forth over the muddy streets and into the pole.

Noble suffered multiple fractures and was killed instantly.

He was employed at the Northrop Aircraft co. in Hawthorne and his last known address was given as 749 W. Gardena Blvd.

Noble is survived by his estranged wife, Barbara, of Fullerton.

THE PRESS DOES IT EVERY TIME

"I use the Torrance Press to advertise all my apartments and always get very good results."

So stated Mrs. E. K. Wagner, 2508 Nearncliff, after placing the following successful ad in the Torrance Press classified section:

FOR RENT—3-bedroom house, 1 block from Narbonne in Lomita, to couple who will do all maintenance work and manage 4 apartments. Prefer older couple. Interested party call at 2308 Nearncliff in Torrance, near 101 and Crenshaw, between 4 and 8 only.

"I had about 25 people come out to look at the apartment," Mrs. Wagner said.

For quick sure-fire results, call FA. 8-2345 and place your ad. Fifteen words cost only \$1.30. There's a 30 cents discount if the ad is paid for at the time it is placed.

Levy Recovering

Sam Levy, prominent civic leader in Torrance, is recovering satisfactorily this week at the Cedars of Lebanon hospital after suffering a heart attack recently. He is expected to return home soon.

Press Offers Evening Classified Ad Service

Classified advertisers are being offered a new evening service.

When you call after regular business hours when the office is closed, you may leave a message with an electronic ad-taker.

You will be given 30 seconds to leave your name, address, telephone number and message.

By writing down your classified ad in advance, you will have sufficient time to dictate it to the machine.

If there are any questions about the ad, a classified girl will call you back in the morning.

Should you desire help in wording your ad, just leave your name, address and telephone number and a classified girl will call you back at any time you designate. Cost of a classified ad is \$1.30 for 15 words.



INDUSTRIAL LEADERS HONORED

City officials saluted industrial leaders Monday with a tour of the civic center followed by a luncheon at a local restaurant. Above, representatives of industry (seated) meet and are briefed by city officials and members of the City Council.—Press Photo